The outlay provided for 1963-64 is Rs. 188 lakhs of which Rs. 21 lakhs will be provided by the State Government and Rs. 7 lakhs by the Central Government and the remaining amount of Rs. 160 lakhs is to be financed from the internal resources of the Corporation. The Corporation has proposed to monopolise the services in 10 major road sections during the year 1963-64 with 275 vehicles.

During the current financial year (up to 30th November 1963) an expenditure of Rs. 40.61 lakhs has been incurred and 32 vehicles have been purchased. It is proposed to achieve the targeted figure by the end of 1963-64.

In view of the national emergency the pace of progress has to be retarded during the next two years of the Plan period. The Corporation has decided to consolidate the existing operations and take over the services in Bellary Pocket and 10 major road sections as contemplated earlier.

The programme of the Corporation during the ensuing year, *i.e.*, 1964-65, envisages a Plan outlay of Rs. 40 lakhs of which Rs. 30 lakhs will be provided by the State under the Plan Budget and a matching contribution of Rs. 10 lakhs by the Central Government.

The State Transport Corporation is discharging its obligation by providing an adequate and co-ordinated system of Transport to the travelling public in the State in spite of the several difficulties it has to face. With the completion of nationalisation in the State by the end of the Fourth Five Year Plan, the Organisation will be able to play a still greater role in the economic progress of the State by building up a sound Transport System.

INFORMATION AND PUBLICITY

The Department has been arranging publicity through various media. A documentary—"Malnad, Nature's Gift"—has been produced by the State Government jointly with the Films Division of the Government of India. The production of a documentary film on the Sharavathi Valley Project has been taken up. Photographs depicting the progress achieved in various sectors have been prepared for being displayed in exhibitions.

The Department has opened Field Publicity Units in several districts of the State bringing the total to 11.

Three tours of Journalists were undertaken during 1963-64 in addition to a study tour for our M.Ps.

The Department participated in 3 exhibitions apart from organising 'The Nation Prepares' Exhibition at Bangalore in collaboration with the Union Ministries of Defence and Information and Broadcasting.

To step up community listening in the State and also to help the villages in organising Radio listening-*cum*-discussion-*cum*-action groups, the Department is installing radio sets in the villages. One thousand eight hundred and thirty-five community receiving sets were working as on 1st April 1963 and during 1963-64 another 475 sets were installed.

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bringing the total number to 2,310. The satisfactory working of these sets is looked after by the Radio Supervisors who have their headquarters in 26 places in the State.

There are two State Level Information Centres functioning in the State at Bangalore and Hubli to furnish information on the various developmental activities of the Centre and the States. In addition to these action is being taken to open three District Information Centres also.

The Department published during the year 1963 a special Weekly in Kannada, 'Jayabheri' devoted to defence efforts.

HOME GUARDS

The Home Guards Organisation in Mysore State is under the control of a full-time Officer *viz.*, the Commandant General, Home Gaurds. This Organisation has been in existence in the four Bombay-Karnatak Districts, for well over 14 years. Recently 20 new Units have been sanctioned in other areas of the State, under the scheme of expansion of Home Guards New Units have started functioning in Bangalore, Mysore, Mandya, Tumkur, South Kanara, Bidar, Shimoga, Kolar, K. G. F., Chickmagalur, Hassan, Raichur and Gulbarga.

Mysore State is expected to raise a strength of about 52,000 Home Guards, comprising 23,000 Urban Home Guards and 29,000 Rural Home Guards.

Under the revised pattern of Civil Defence as laid down bythe Government of India, the work of Civil Defence has been entrusted to the Commandant General, Home Guards from 29th November 1963 consequent on the abolition of the Directorate of the Civil Defence.

BEGGAR RELIEF

In Bangalore City, an institution named "Nirashrithara Parihara Kendra" exists and beggars arrested and detained under the Mysore Prohibition of Beggary Act,1944 are detained at this Kendra The Kendra has got accommodation to maintain 400 beggars. Facilities exist for training the inmates in Agriculture. Tailoring, Binding, Ambarcharka, Carpentary, etc. For the year 1963-64, Government have sanctioned a grant of Rupees two lakhs to the Beggar Relief Department.

MOTOR VEHICLES DEPARTMENT

The receipt under the Motor Vehicles Taxes and also taxes ont passenger and goods which came into effect from 1st October 1961 is aboue Rs 5 crores during the year 1963-64 (up to end of November 1963). This estimated realisation for the year 1964 65 will be approximately Rs. 7 crores. On the account of the increase in the rates of P. P. C. Tax in respect of public carriers as per the rates recently passed in the Legisla-

ture, it is likely that the anticipated receipt under the Motor Vehicles Taxes and T. P. G. Taxes for the year 1964-65 may exceed 7 crores.

Final compensation relating to Motor Vehicles Tax is being paid to 65 Municipalities of eight Districts. Provisional compensation is being paid to 63 Municipalities of eleven Districts pending fixation of final compensation. The delay in fixing the final compensation in respect of these Municipalities of eleven Districts is due to non-receipt of the required information from the Municipalities concerned.

ENHANCEMENT OF QUOTA OF COUNTERSIGNATURE FOR PUBLIC CARRIERS ON RECIPROCAL BASIS

Consequent on the increased tempo of developmental activities under the various plans and the need felt for greater flexibility for movement of goods, the quotas of public carriers have been liberalised as follows :—

		Quota now fixed
Mysore—Maharashtra	...	900—1,100
Mysore—Kerala	...	250— 400
Mysore—Andhra Pradesh	...	375— 500
Mysore—Madras	...	500— 700
Mysore—Goa	...	100

THE MYSORE STATE FINANCIAL CORPORATION

The Mysore State Financial Corporation was established in 1959 (under Notification No. FD 28 BIS 59, dated the 30th March 1959) by Government in exercise of the powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 3 of the State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 (Central Act LXIII of 1951) with the object of making financial aid available to industries, particularly medium and small-scale industries.

The demand for funds from the industrialists has been on the increase and the business of the Corporation has recorded a steady progress. The Corporation has received up-to-date 262 applications of the value of Rs. 454.50 lakhs and it has sanctioned up-to date 116 applications amounting to Rs 207.90 lakhs. The Amount of actual disbursement of funds made up to-date is Rs. 176.19 lakhs. The total number of applications rejected or closed for want of information is 79 of the value of Rs. 114.78 lakhs. The number of applications on hand pending consideration is 37 of the value of Rs. 108.92 lakhs.

The Corporation has continued to render financial assistance to small-scale industries in substantial measure all these years. Roughly, about 90 per cent of the loan applications sanctioned relate to small scale units.